

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

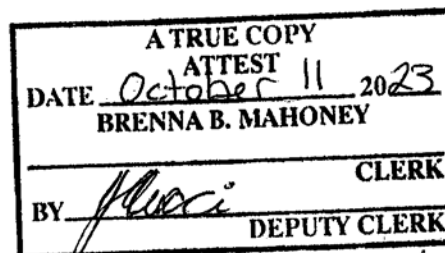
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SHLOMO BRAUN,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE CHARTWELL LAW OFFICES, LLP,

Defendants.
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Index Number 158686/2023
1:23-cv-07241-OEM-TAM

SUMMARY REMAND ORDER

ORELIA E. MERCHANT, United States District Judge:

On September 28, 2023, Defendant Chartwell Law Offices, LLP ("Defendant") filed a Notice of Removal ("Notice") seeking to remove this case from the Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County, assigned index number 158686/2023, to this Court. *See* ECF 1, Notice at 1; ECF 1-1, Summons and Complaint at 1. Defendant alleges that this Court has removal jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §1441 and 28 U.S.C. §1446. *See* ECF 1, Notice at 1.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a), "... any civil action brought in a State court of which the district courts of the United States have original jurisdiction, may be removed by the defendant or defendants, to the district court of the United States for the district and division embracing the place where such an action is pending." 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a); *Phillips v. Reed Grp., Ltd.*, 955 F. Supp. 2d 201, 228 (S.D.N.Y. 2013) ("For cases removed from state court, venue is proper in the federal district which embraces the state court from which the action was removed."). The district that embraces New York County is the Southern District of New York, not the Eastern District of New York. 28 U.S.C. § 112(b). Defendant improperly removed this case to the Eastern District of New York.

Removal of an action to the wrong venue is a procedural error, not a bar to subject matter jurisdiction. *Maignan et al v. BFL, Inc. et al*, No. 09-cv-04305-ILG-CLP, 2010 WL 2079774, at *1 (E.D.N.Y. May 25, 2010). However, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1447(c), this Court may remand a case sua sponte for a procedural defect within 30 days of the filing of a notice of removal. *See, e.g., U.S. Bank Tr. Nat'l Ass'n v. Wilson et al.*, No. 17-cv-6689-JFB-SIL, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 189910, at *3 (E.D.N.Y. Nov. 16, 2017) (remanding case sua sponte for procedural defect); *Allfour v. Bono*, No. 11-CV-1619-JFB-ARL, 2011 WL 2470742, at *1 (E.D.N.Y. May 5, 2011), *report and recommendation adopted*, No. 11-CV-1619-JFB-ARL, 2011 WL 2470734 (E.D.N.Y. June 22, 2011) ("Such a procedural defect, by itself, would authorize sua sponte remand in this circuit."); *Cassara v. Ralston*, 832 F.Supp. 752, 753–54 (S.D.N.Y.1993) (same); *Mitskovski v. Buffalo & Fort Erie Pub. Bridge Auth.*, 435 F.3d 127, 131 (2d Cir. 2006) (implicitly recognizing a district court's authority to remand actions sua sponte for procedural defects within 30 days of removal); *Hamilton v. Aetna Life & Cas. Co.*, 5 F.3d 642, 644 (2d Cir. 1993) (same). Accordingly, this case is hereby remanded to state court.

The Clerk of Court is directed to: (1) mail a certified copy of this Order to the Clerk of the Court of the State of New York, New York County, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1447(c); and (2) close this case.

SO ORDERED.

/s/
ORELIA E. MERCHANT
United States District Judge

Dated: Brooklyn, New York
October 10, 2023.